

**Minutes of
WEEKLY STATUS MEETING
February 19, 2014**

Attendees

Stan Kaczmarek, dmi
John Rolfe, dmi
Robert Law, dmi
Stephanie Vaughn, EPA
Jennifer LaPoma, EPA
Mike Hoppe, EPA
Beth Franklin, US Army Corps of Engineers
Gary Foster, CH2M-Hill
Rex Long, CH2M-Hill
Roy Weller, CH2M-Hill
Mike Holsinger, CH2M-Hill
Jim Brinkman, CH2M-Hill
Joe Hambrick, CH2M-Hill
Jeffery Hilgaertner, CH2M-Hill
Beth Franklin, US Army Corps of Engineers
Sharon Budney, CDM
Amy Picunas, CDM
Frank Tsang, CDM
Tim Briggs, GLDD

1) **H&S Moment**: Tim (GLDD) discussed a fall in his drive way in Chicago due to icy conditions. With icy conditions on site you need to use precautions while working in those conditions. Discussed measures taken to prevent future incidents.

2) **Health & Safety**:

- a) Status of injured worker from 01/21/14 incident
 - GLDD commented that injured worker is home recovering from injuries.
- b) Update on OSHA investigation
 - No further contact with OSHA. OSHA planning to interview employees after work has been re-started.
 - CH2M HILL will have a safety representative on site to assist with preparations for inspection.
- c) Actions by GLDD prior to resumption of activities on the river
 - Updated/added JHAs for all activities planned when work begins
 - Movement of Poseidon barge upriver using a low profile boat thereby eliminating the need for bridge opening – scheduled to occur on Thursday, 02/20.
 - De-icing and snow removal on all equipment

- Training of crew members
- Plans are to resume installation of geotextile/armor stone on Monday, 02/24.
- On Monday, GLDD collected 10 samples showing the thickness of reactive layer at various locations in dredge area. All samples ranged from the 8" to 11.5". Data was furnished to EPA by dmi.
EPA (Stephanie) responded that the measurements appeared acceptable, however EPA would have liked to have had someone onsite to provide oversight during the process and give some input on of the sample locations. EPA also would have liked some additional samples collected closer to shore, so if there is time, EPA may request the sampling process be repeated. CH2M HILL (Gary) responded that ice covered areas close to shore and prevented sample collection in those areas. He also mentioned that CH2M HILL (Mike) accompanied GLDD while samples were collected. At the same time, anytime CDM and EPA want additional samples collected, they will be accommodated.
- dmi (Stan) asked if operations would be starting on the northern end of work area. GLDD responded that operations will start on northern end.

4) Issues

GLDD requested the use of heavy equipment in the park for use as an anchor. Spec sheets of equipment were furnished. GLDD has accepted responsibility for any damages in park. dmi (Stan) responded that Spec sheets had forwarded to the county, and communications with Bergen County so far are indicating that as long as any damage to the Park will be repaired, there should be no problem.

5) Questions/Comments

- EPA requested regular updates over the weekend on the status of GLDD re-mobilization efforts to let EPA and CDM know if they should still schedule personnel to be at the park for Monday's start of capping operations.
- Frank (CDM) asked if all material/equipment needed for the armor layer were on site. GLDD responded that all material/equipment has been identified and ready to be transported up river. Bridge opening will be required to transport material in the future.
- CH2M HILL (Rex) asked for the scheduled completion of placement of geotextile/armor stone. GLDD responded that it should take 30 days. (March 27)
- Frank (CDM) asked if a test run will be done with the sinking bar. No pilot study/run will be performed.
- CDM asked if any 7 day work weeks were planned. Yes, 7 day work weeks will be planned based on tides.
- CDM requested daily updates of activities when operations begin.
- Next Weekly Status meeting will occur on Wednesday February 26th at 1300.

Meeting concluded